

2010 CITY OF SAN JOSE – CAMP NEGOTIATIONS

CITY PROPOSAL #10 & #11 – RETIREMENT COST MITIGATION

Proposed Language

RETIREE HEALTHCARE FUNDING RETIREMENT COST MITIGATION

The City and the Employee Organization agree to transition from the current partial pre-funding of retiree medical and dental healthcare benefits (referred to as the "policy method") to pre-funding of the full Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for the retiree healthcare plan ("Plan"). The transition shall be accomplished by phasing into fully funding the ARC over a period of five (5) years beginning June 28, 2009. The Plan's initial unfunded retiree healthcare liability shall be fully amortized over a thirty year period so that it shall be paid by June 30, 2039 (closed amortization). Amortization of changes in the unfunded retiree healthcare liability other than the initial retiree healthcare liability (e.g. gains, losses, changes in actuarial assumptions, etc.) shall be determined by the Plan's actuary. The City and Plan members (active employees) shall contribute to funding the ARC in the ratio currently provided under Section 3.28.380 (C) (1) and (3) of the San Jose Municipal Code. Specifically, contributions for retiree medical benefits shall be made by the City and members in the ratio of one-to-one. Contributions for retiree dental benefits shall be made by the City and members in the ratio of eight-to-three. When determining the contribution rates for the Plan, the Plan actuary shall continue to use the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method and a discount rate consistent with the pre-funding policy for the Plan as outlined in this section.

The City and the Employee Organization further agree that the Municipal Code and/or applicable plan documents shall be amended in accordance with the above agreement and that the Employee Organization will support such amendments.

It is understood that in reaching this agreement, the parties have been informed by cost estimates prepared by the Federated City Employees' Retirement System Board's actuary and that the actual contribution rates to reach full pre-funding of retiree healthcare will differ. The phase-in to the ARC shall be divided into five steps (using a straight line method), each to be effective on the first pay period of the City's fiscal year in each succeeding year. The first increment of the phase-in shall be effective on June 28, 2009. It is understood that because of changes resulting from future actuarial valuations, the amount of each increase may vary upward or downward. The City and Employee Organization agree that the Plan member cash contribution rate shall not have an incremental increase of more than .75% of pensionable pay in each fiscal year and the City cash contribution rate shall not have an incremental increase of more than .75% of pensionable pay in each fiscal year. For example, if the members' contribution rate is 4% of pensionable pay, the subsequent fiscal year's contribution rate for retiree healthcare cannot exceed 4.75% of pensionable pay. Notwithstanding the limitations on the incremental increases, by the end of the five year phase-in, the City and plan members shall be contributing the full Annual Required Contribution in the ratio currently provided under Section 3.28.380 (C) (1) and (3) of the San Jose Municipal Code.

The City will establish a qualified trust ("Trust") before June 27, 2010. Until such time as a Trust is established, the City and employee contributions under this agreement shall be made into the existing Medical Benefits Account for as long the contributions can be made into the Medical Benefits Account in accordance with IRS limitations. If the Trust is not established prior to reaching the IRS limitation, the parties agree to meet and discuss alternative funding vehicles.

It is the objective of the parties that the Trust created pursuant to this agreement shall become the sole funding vehicle for Federated retiree healthcare benefits, subject to any legal restrictions under the current plan, or other applicable law.

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HEALTHCARE COST MITIGATION Retirement Benefits Reopener

The parties agree to commence meeting and conferring between ~~January 1, 2011, and January 19, 2011~~ within fifteen (15) calendar days of the City providing written notice to CAMP, on retiree healthcare benefits for future employees, ~~and a medical reimbursement program for future retirees, and pension benefit/costs for current and future employees.~~

The parties intend to engage in the foregoing negotiations in a coalition bargaining process with all other interested represented bargaining units, if any. However, negotiations between the City and Employee Organization shall commence no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the City provides written notice to CAMP ~~January 19, 2011~~ with or without participation of any other bargaining unit. The City and Employee Organization shall negotiate in good faith in an effort to reach a mutual agreement.

If no agreement is reached, the parties will follow the impasse procedures set forth in the City of San Jose's Employer-Employee Relations Resolution (#39367) and the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act. The parties understand that this means that the City will have the right to unilaterally implement in the event that no agreement is reached at the conclusion of negotiations and mandatory impasse procedures. ~~The City agrees that a unilateral implementation of retiree healthcare benefits for future employees shall not be effective before July 1, 2011.~~